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Response to P&DS' Comments on SCR 288

has reviewed your comments on SCR 288 and has prepared the following answers, referenced to the appropriate paragraphs of your memorandum.

- 1. The entire question of assumptions has been reviewed in light of your comments and the appropriate appendices to the JIIRG report which were not available to us until after the publication of SCR 288. A summary of our findings is presented in Supplement 1 to SCR 288, attached. We submit, however, that assumptions, by their very nature, cannot be validated. For example, we assumed that about 4,500 target images would be available every day (Para. 2.2.1.4 of SCR 288). This number appears to be too large based upon the information now available to us on the planned number of missions and the film footage per mission. These latter factors are however also assumptions on someone's part and could be challenged on the basis of possible failures, the world political situation, etc. Thus, at some level, an internally consistent set of assumptions must be made if planning and system design are to continue. On the basis of new information now available to us, we are prepared to modify our assumptions and have done so.
- 2. We are not certain where "limits of responsibility" might have been delimited in SCR 288. We assumed that the boundaries of the IIS are as defined in SCR 273 (Para. 1.2).
 - 3. During the "Detailed System Design", Phase II of the present effort, more accurate costs will be developed. Total commitment to the system does not occur until that time.

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